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Senatorial Gossip.

The politicians who make and unmake statesmen are giving Vermonters little rest from the strenuous campaign of last fall and have already dragged several candidates into the gubernatorial arena. Not satisfied with their premature work they would further have us believe that a senatorial contest is coming on. This from the Montpelier correspondent of the Springfield Republican tells the story:

There will be added interest in the contest next year, if the politicians are correct in their belief that Carroll S. Page will seek to secure Proctor's seat in the United States senate. He has had his eye on the place for a long time, and if he the fight next year. That will involve a struggle over the legislature as well as

During a brief visit to Montpelier last week Elmore T. Ide of St. Johnsbury was asked by a representative of the Journal as to Judge Ide's attitude on the governor question and he said he believed his brother would not favor any plan to make him governor.

The license vote has increased the labors of Secretary of State Fleetwood and he has been besieged with requests from has become a regular bureau of information and he was recently called up by long distance telephone from a Boston Club for information to settle a bet.

President Roosevelt thoroughly enjoyed his first day on the transcontinental trip and he rode in the cab on the Pennsylvania road when the train was making the horseshoe curve. After he got into the cab he casually remarked that, inasmuch as he was a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, be ought to help "fire," but he was excused from this arduous labor and home. Boston Transcript. treated as a passenger.

will be even more successful.

Naval Appointment.

by the Secretary of the Navy that a vacancy now exists at the United States Vermont at large and has requested him to nominate one principal and three alternates for examination for appointment to fill the same.

Senator Dillingham gives notice that young gentlemen desiring this appoint-Montpener, on Friday, April 17, to engage in a competitive examination for the appointment. All candidates must that the landslide happened at pastoral supply of the churches is some Writing, Punctuation, Spelling, Arithme-(through Quadratic Equations,) and the jarring of the passing trains.

Plain Geometry (five books of Chauvnet's Geometry or an equivalent.) Persons desiring to take the examinations for this appointment will notify Senator Dillingham at Montpelier of their intention to do so.

GUBERNATORIAL GOSSIP.

Various Comments on Judge Ide and Others,

The suggestion in the last Calebonian that Judge Henry C. Ide might be available for the republican candidate for governor in 1904 has called out these comments from our exchanges:

Mr. Ide has an international reputation. As chief justice of Samoa and commissioner in the Philippines he has performed important work without serious criticism. In a strictly state campaign, like that of last year, Judge Ide might not be a strong candidate, as he has been away from Vermont so much in recent years. With a Presidential contest pending, as will be the case next year, and national principles and policies under discussion, such a man as he might prove the strongest candidate that could be named. A Samoan and Philippine reputation is not necessary in a candidate for governor of Vermont but both may help him .- | Montpelier Argus.

In the meantime be it remembered that the opening moves in the next political contest will come soon. From the east side of the state the candidate for governor will be taken. A man above suspicion, one who in his past life or present circumstances shall not be open, by any possibility, to charges of vote buying, must be chosen. The canvass for him ought to be conducted solely on the basis of his known qualifications for the office.— [Montpelier Journal.

The Montpelier Journal is on the right tack. Let the office seek the man next time. Let the honor fall to a man simply as a recognition of his honesty, his sincerity, his unquestioned worth of character, his fitness for office. Some of the so-called political leaders were in the storm cellar during the last campaign. Would it not be a good plan to keep them there, to have an innovation in politics, and to have the "plain people" express

As the Journal says, "think it over," The Phoenix is not in the mind reading business. It can think of two or three men on whom the spotless coat cut by the Journal would fit. It can think of one man on whom it would fit more perfeetly than on any one else. Will your answer, gentle readers and fellow voters. be the same as that of the Phoenix when you have answered the question, "Who s the man?"- Brattleboro Phoenix.

If Judge H. C. Ide, returning from work well done in the far East, may be hailed as a candidate for the governorship of Vermont in 1904, the business should be onsidered as good as settled. The "east side" may be relied upon to dispose of its nursing boomlets, if Judge Ide is available. His measure is something more than the standard of a country village 'squire," and like Gov. McCullough, he would represent a "progressive" Ver-mont-[Morrisville Messenger.

Although Vermont's next election does not occur for nearly a year and a half, the republican politicians are already thinks the time propitious, he will make busy laying plans and making preparabe a serious fight. Under the longthe governorship, and will make a con- established "mountain rule," the nomitest more lively and more bitter than nation for governor belongs on the east that between Dillingham and Grout, side of the state next year. Three candi-There are indications that Proctor's dates have already been suggested-C. J. strength is waning, but he is still capable | Bell of Walden, prominent in the grange, Johnsbury, now on his way home from the Philippines. Bell is strong with the The old organization; Ide in point of equip- most oft quoted man in the city. ment for the place is far ahead of the others. He has been a prominent lawyer he has been designed by the clerical satisfactory work as a member of the license commissioners for a supply of license certificates. Besides the clerical mate does not agree with his health, and streets in row boats. Nearly all of the The plan to make him the nominee origisclore him as soon as he reaches home. ludge lde is able but austere, not the and of a man to arouse enthusiasm .-Montpelier Letter in the Springfield

Current Press Comment.

Farmers about Bridgewater, Vt., have cen led ro believe that small deposits of gold are scattered about their stony pastures, and they are therefore zealously guarding great piles of rocks on their places. Yet we fancy the only gold mine ever to be discovered in Vermont is the New York or Buston business man who will buy the pastures for his summer

The newly organized labor unions in Vermont, and their elders, for that mat-The week that passes that does not ter, will do well to read carefully and record some new nelievement of our thoughtfully the text of the award of the confession, 425 by letter), are 167 more friend, Col. George Hurvey, is a dull anthracite conf strike commission and the comments of the press upon it. Almost without notable exception the He has now purchased the publishing whole country over, the newspapers house of R. H. Russell which brings point out as one of the most important with it the books of George Ade, Charles

Dann Gibson and Peter Dannes Mr.

District a distribution of the award the promulgation of the describe that, while labor has a right to organize and secure for itself additions by confession, which measure Russell has brought out some of the such legitimate benefits as organization most popular books of the day and under may procure, later has an equal right Col. Harvey's management the house not to organize and to continue at work namolested. Every man has a right to work, whether he belongs to a labor amon or not, and every employer has a right to hire any man who is willing to than last year. This gain is more appar-Senator Dillingham has been informed work for him, regardless of all the labor unions in the world. The boycott, the is accounted for in large part if not sympathetic strike, intimidation of nonunion workmen, dictation to employers, Naval Academy for a midshipman from and all similar evils are unqualifiedly denounced by a press and public that is always disposed to layor the side of or ganized labor when its demands are just nd its methods upright .- [St. Albans

One hundred tons or earth, stones and ment may appear at the Court House in road cut just south of Wells River Thurs-Montpelier, on Friday, April 17, to day forenoon only two minutes after a be between the ages of fifteen and twenty the time it did as serious results might will be examined mentally in Reading. down in the slide that the railroad cut tic, Geography, English Grammar, United mass of earth has been working loose States History, World's History, Algebra for some time, caused by the water and

THE MISSISSIPPI AT MEMPHIS.

The High Water-Houses Submerged. For days the Mississippi river, swollen ov snows and heavy March rains, has been gradually rising at the rate of about two-tenthsof a foot every twentyfour hours; until today, the official register shows 40 foot stage on the Memphis guage. This means 40 feet above the normal point, which is called zero. reached, was 38.3 feet in the year 1898. For 1800 miles up and down the river, property is protected by a great system of levees, or banks, upon which congress has spent millions of dollars, and for which, it each year, appropriates large sums. For the past two weeks, however, the one absorbing question, heard on every hand, has been, "Will the levces hold?" Never before have they been subjected to such a fearful strain, and the engineers themselves have been doubtful is to the results. But their work was done wisely and well, and with but few exceptions they have remained intact, although, in many cases, the levees have become soaked, or the water has gone quite over the tops. The greatest vigilance has been necessary both day and night, and men have waged a desperate battle with sand bags, shovels and timbers for weapons. United States steam ers have constantly patrolled the river, to inspect the work, lend all possible aid to the men, and rescue the unfortunates. The workmen have everywhere been under the direction of government engineers, or of the levee board. Yesterday a steamer left for the mouth of White river, laden with 20,000 sacks to be distributed

along the embankments. In this hour of great need hundreds of negroes, despite their dependence, refuse to work, or demand \$2.50 per day, and cations, payable in advance. Of course t is inevitable during such a flood that housands of people become homeless, and great tracts of valuable land are under water. But the land thus covered will be tentold richer, and splendid crops are insured for the coming season.

A few days ago we took a trip of several miles up the river on one of the large steamers, passing many houses whose roots only were visible out of the water, and finally made our way for quite a distance through the woods of Arkansas, or more properly speaking, over the woods, for we sailed over the tops of many trees. Only once before had a steamer been able ro make the same trip. Returning we stopped at Mound City, to take aboard a number of colored people. Their houses were completely submerged, and with all their worldly goods tied up in sacks, they were ready o begin lise anew, wherever the steamer should deposit them on dry land. The situation was not serious to them, and they were laughing and joking as if

about to start on a picnic. One of the grocery stores of the town was partially under water, and the people entering in row boats. At this point the water had entirely soaked the eyee, and we were told that the next day, it was to be blown up with dynations for what is generally believed will mite. This was to allow a great volume of water to flow in, so a steamer could go through the town on a rescuing trip. Strange to say, that although warn-

times, hundreds of people refuse to leave tain boy of the metropolis. He is in of meeting any politician in the state on who has been for many years a member do so. And they, and even their cattle, and had undoubtedly attended 500 dinof the board of agriculture and the cattle are trequently taken from the roofs of ners at the expense of the sons of Vercommission; Robert J. Kimball, a banker their houses, or sheds or from the water. mont. There are so many sons of Verof New York, who spends his summers in The Mississippi at Memphis is now three mont in all the cities of the country that Randolph and has recently given a library miles wide, but there are places in the he often wondered if there are any left in

The "local forecast official" at this farming element, Kimbail stands well point is S. C. Emery, whose early home with the machine, and it was expected was not far from Barnet, Vt. It is need with the machine, and it was expected that he would have the support of the less to say, that of late, he has been the less to say, that of late, he has been the

Memphis sits about 35 feet above the highest water mark, and the land slopes in Vermont, has served with distinction beautifully to the river. Only a small as chief justice of Samoa, and has done portion, known as North Memphis, lies satisfactory work as a member of the low, and is under water. It is a veritamate does not agree with his health, and it is understood that he will not go back. railroads have been seriously inconvenienced. The city is today filled with nated in St. Johnsbury, and will be laid refugees, and her charitable citizens have their hands full. Too much cannot be said in praise of the noble and efficient work lone by the Sunshine society, in caring for the needs of these poor people. HELEN B. EMERSON.

Memphis, Tenn., March 20, 1903. Congregational Statistics.

J. M. Comstock of Chelsea, the statistician for the Congregationalists in Vermont, summarizes the statistics for 1902 as follows in the Vermont Missionary for

Since the loss of membership began, four years ago, we have been looking each year for a change for the better. This change has at last come, and this year's membership, 21,775, is 103 better than the removals (370 by death, 434 by letter, 105 by discipline and roll revision). The discrepancy in these figures is partly explained by a recount in one of our larger churches, by which it has been better than any other single item the activity of the church, are more than in ny report since 1897.

The annual decrease in Sunday school membership appears to be checked, as entirely by the Home Department meni bership, which is counted in for the first time. The loss in membership of young people's societies continues, the number decreasing from 6333 to 6117. The num her of such societies, however, has in-

creased by four. Financial prosperity is evidenced by a rain of \$9282 in home expenditures, which now stand at \$217,646. But the record of benevolences does not show the gratitude which such prosperity ought what more complete than last year, though there are still 34 churches counted as vacant. The number of churches served by installed pastors is the same as last year, 28, but in five of these the induction was by recognition rather than

installation.

A Pen Sketch of St. Johnsbury.

President George A. Gates, D. D., long of Iowa College, but mw of Pomona College, Claremont, Calfornia, in writing his friend, Rev. David N. Beach, at present supplying in the North church, Promeast to farthest west we've had rich pays this delicious tribute to St. Johnsand its neighborhood.

"St. Johnsbury was ny home from the time I was five years oll until I went to The highest water mark ever before college and more or less try home for five or six years afterward. I still claim to have a personal acquairtance with every twig and stone on the road up the beautiful valley from St. Johnsbury to East Village. I ought to know it, for I have been over that road a great many times in storm and susbine with mud to the hubs, and snow wo feet deep, on horseback, atoot, in every kind of wheeled vehicle from a hayraik to a bicycle, dreaming a boy's dream and conjuring up a boy's meanness or the way up and

"It is a dear old spotto me, the Valley of the Moose. You wil find remains of a good many hundred dead woodchucks in the valley that hes from there to five miles north, up toward Lyndon, on the Gage Brook road. Dar me, how I did slaughter those woodhucks! My conscience would trouble me, except that woodchuck is vermin. I saved many a farmer's additional burden of charge because of profanity, by jutting his wood chuck where he could no more throw up gravel piles in the mealow clover patch for the farmer to run his mowing machine into.

"And the sugar camps along about April first! Go out into them and take a good mouthful of war-on-snow in my memory. The dear old men like J. G. Hovey are many of then dead, but you will find their successors hospitable sugarwise.

"That is a fine church you are in. There are some noble men connected with it. It has had a noble succession of pastors. One of them is my nearest neighbor, Rev. Henry Jones, as sweet a seul as inhabits a human body, a benefiction to the neighborhood. There is — and —. I know you will learn to love them and

President Gates speaksenthusiastically of Pomona College, of California, and of his work. He would never forgive our putting into print this part of what he says. He is one of those distinguished sons of St. Johnsbury-sill in the vigor of his prime-of whom "Me dear old academy," as he styles it, aid the town have reason in every way to be proud.

Sons of Vermont n Hartford.

The Hartford papers give an interestng account of the second annual reunion and banquet of the Vermont association of Hartford which was recently held there. At the business meeting Raymond J. Trainor, formely of this town, Sunday Dinner a Specialty, was chosen secretary. Among the guests of the banquet were Col. George Harvey, and J. Kendrick Bangs, the new editor of the Metropolitan Magazine. These two gentlemen were the principal speakers and when Mr. Bangs arose be "got even" with some sharp things Col. Harvey said about him earlier in the evening.

Colonel Harvey, he said, is the whole association of the sons of Vermont in ings are repeatedly sent out in flood New York; he is the great Green Moutto that town; and Henry C. Ide of St. overflowed regions, where it is nearer the state. He was reminded of the "Florodora" song, "Arethere any more at home like you?" In a dream he had men of the state had gone to organize societies of sons of Vermont. The future of Vermont seemed to the speaker to be a commendable one; there is a boom on to locate all the literary lights in that state. Why, Colonel Harvey had been trying for five years to sell the speaker a place in Peacham. Rulyard Kipling had purchased a home in the state and would have stayed there if it hadn't been for the people of Vermont. Winston Churchill located there; Louis E. Shipman has purchased a home there, and now they have Peter Dunne on hooks. I things go on the state will become the literary center of this country.

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boast, The spirit of those good green hills.

Dat Lil' Brack Sheep.

Po' lil' brack sheep what strayed away Done los' in de win' an' de rain, An' de Shepherd, he say "O hirelin', Go fin' my sheep ergain."

An' de hirelin' frown: "O Shepherd, Dat sheep is brack an' bad," But de Shepherd he smile laik dat lil' brack Is de onlies' lam' he had.

An' he say, "O hirelin', hasten, For de win' an' de rain am col', An' dat lil' brack sheep be lonesome Out dere, so far from de fol'."

An' de hirelin' frown, "O Shepherd, L'at sheep it weak an' po'," But de Shepherd, he smile laike dat lii' brack sheep He lub it des all de mo'.

An' he say, "O hirelin', hasten, For de hail am beatin' hard, For de hail am beatin' hard, An' dat lil' brack sheep git bruises Way off fum de sheepol' yard."

An' de hirelin' frown, "O Shepherd, Dat sheep is mos' wore out."

But de Shepherd, he smile laik de lil' brack

Des couldn't be done without. An' he say, "O hirelin', hasten, Lo, here dey ninety an' nine; But dere way off fum de sheepfol', Dat lil' brack sheep ob mine."

An' de hirelin' frown, "O Shepherd, De res' ob de sheep am here." But de Shepherd, he smile laik dat lil' brack

sheep He hoi' it de mos'es' dear, An' he wander out in de darkness, Where de night was col' an' bleak, An' dat lil' brack sheep he fin' it, An' lay it ergains' his cheek."

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